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Mahone Must Eat Crow.

It seems that Governor FORAKER did not speak for himself alone when he recently wrote to Mr. FEATHERSTON condemning General MAHONE's methods. There are others of the Sherman leaders even in Ohio who agree in the opinions expressed by Governor FORAKER.

Columbus being the capital of Ohio, the leading Republican paper located there may be considered in some sort as the Governor's organ, not to say the organ of the Republican party of the State. That paper came out a few days ago in an article in which General MAHONE is handled without gloves. The Cincinnati Commercial-Globe having remarked that he was an admirable disciplinarian, and that the only trouble with him in that respect was that he sometimes disciplined too much, the Columbus State Journal commented as follows:

"And he certainly disciplined too much when he ignored the delegates that had previously been selected by the districts and made up the whole state delegation of the Sherman party, which he controlled. That sort of work shows greater capacity as a disciplinarian than judgment as a leader. The Republican National Convention of course decided in the unit rule controverstry that delegates to conventions could not be delegates to either state or district delegations, which are amenable to their respective constituents. Mahone now takes from the districts the right to select their own delegates, and in that he will never be sustained."

Recollection that it is the State organ of the Ohio Shermanites which thus expresses itself. MAHONE we are told, will "never be sustained" by the Chicago Convention in denying to the several congressional districts the right to select their own delegates. Wonder if John SHERMAN concurs in this opinion of his Columbus organ? If it shall be made to appear to MAHONE that SHERMAN holds to heretofore his opinion perhaps the little General will avail himself of the occasion to go over to BLAINE. But no; that would be unlike MAHONE. He will continue at the head of the State Committee even if BLAINE be nominated, but he will not retract a single one of the offensive remarks that he has made about the Maine statesman. Will he really work in good faith for the success of the objectionable nominee? Perhaps he will after seeing Mr. BLAINE, or some one authorized to speak for him, and receiving the necessary assurances of his distinguished consideration."

General MAHONE's good luck seems to have left him. His career is ended as a party leader. The reelection of Mr. CLEVELAND will be a death-blow to him. The Republican leaders in Virginia have no idea of recognizing him as the head of the Republican party in this State. KIRKENDALL, BRADY, FAIRFIELD, CAMERON, PENDLETON, YOST, HOUSTON, LEWIS, and thousands of other Republicans will refuse to follow MAHONE as a leader. The outgoing of the Ohio State Journal is only one of the straws which show that for MAHONE "the wind is in the east."

But how if Gresham be the nominee? We have heretofore assigned certain reasons why we regarded Gresham's nomination as highly improbable, not to say next to impossible. We are greatly mistaken if those reasons do not kill him off. Certainly his nomination would be a diversion in favor of MAHONE, and we may expect MAHONE, if it should appear to him to be the best policy, to go over to Gresham at an early stage of the ballooning in the Chicago Convention.

But hold! Will MAHONE's delegates be in the Chicago Convention? We do not doubt that his delegates at large will be in and, another as a protestation, to help the enemy in the left-handed way of disloyalty to his motion to take up the verdict and grant him a new trial.

But even such a view seems to be the greatest conceivable of holding the State of Virginia in the hands of the Democratic party. We always demand of our party that it should do right, but in the face of so dangerous an enemy we must leave no quarter for the time after the battle is over."

Good Advice.

Our neighbor of the Times has studied "the situation," and speaks out as follows under the heading, "How to Win":

"This will be the most interesting canvass ever known in Virginia on national politics, because for the first time in twenty-five years the Democrats will have an equal chance and a fair field. The lucky star of CLEVELAND is in the ascendant, and with its progress in the zenith, the cause of Democracy and the South are strengthened. There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." And such is the drift of the mighty political elements now.

The Democrats have only to use the occasion with courage and intelligence, and the result will be that the nation will be safe in good hands for at least twenty-five years."

We all know the issue on which CLEVELAND will stand. It was simply the cause of free government and against the dangerous radical ring that had gathered for the success of the objectionable nominee?

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Dilapidated Sherman Fences.

The news from North Carolina is not calculated to make JOHN SHERMAN's bosom swell with confidence. For some time his friends have been claiming that State, but every Republican convention held there so far has afforded evidence that his North Carolina fences are in a most dilapidated condition. He should send MAHONE down to meet them.

There was nothing marvelous after all in the appearance of that gigantic hand in the Ohio sky near Findlay. It can readily be accounted for on political-allegorical principles. Seeing that the manifestation was preceded by a magnetic display, it is reasonably certain that the hand was that of the Plumed Knight in the act of squeezing the Sherman boomer. The dark background against which it was palated represented the Republican party in the South supporting the squeezing process, and the waves of blood-red light that fell from the fingers were typical of the disintegrating bloody shirt, without which no Republican campaign can be conducted.

Wire Him Yourself.—A correspondent informs the Valley Virginian that MAHONE telegraphed to Mr. SHERMAN to "wire FORAKER to denounce the letter as a forgery." SHERMAN responded, "Wire him yourself."

BRIEF COMMENT.

The GRESHAM boomer has cast a gloom over Sherman's ice house." It doesn't take much to do that now.

Gotham is perfectly happy again. Citizen Tamm has returned?" And the summer show for the children in Central Park will continue.

The Anarchists will nominate a presidential ticket." It is to be hoped their platform will be constructed under the supervision of a sheriff.

What were the correspondents thinking about that they did not make Bismarck threaten to resign because of the marriage of Prince Hesse and Princess Anna?

The Dispatch cannot successfully maintain that a law which would compel the editor of the paper to pay him back for overhauling a county, mostly to help the Dispatch in developing such mines, should it own such properties there."

We would say to the Courier that all our real-mines are located in the moon. Also that the Mills bill leaves the duty on bituminous coal at seventy-five cents per ton,

and that there is no duty on anthracite coal. We also cordially endorse the Courier's opinion that a law cannot be just which would compel anybody to pay \$7.50 extra for every ten tons of coal he might buy in "Poosaeon county" [Poosaeon town, we guess] merely to help the Dispatch in developing such mines. If customs duties are not levied for the benefit of the country as a whole then their existence cannot be justified. And it seems nothing more than reasonable to us that all discussion of such duties should be based upon the assumption that both parties to the discussion honestly hold that the doctrines they teach would, if carried into practice, redound to the benefit of the country.

The Chicago Convention will soon lay down the platform for the campaign of 1888. Upon that platform all good Democrats will be expected to stand. Why not await its promulgation?

OPINION.

The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention adopted a platform which not only declares for the Mills bill but declares for the regulation of duties in such manner as will put American industry on a firm and permanent basis covering the difference between wages in this country and in foreign countries." In other words, the Chicago platform upon which the Mills bill was hitched to the Mills bill.

The Illinois Democratic State Convention endorsed a similar scheme which, of course, President CLEVELAND will not recommend. He does not believe in "constructing national waterways from the lakes to the Mississippi river." The Illinois Democrats ask the Democratic National Convention to incorporate a resolution favoring this scheme into the national platform; but that convention will not be apt to comply with the resolution as it stands.

Kirchhoff allowed "expressive silence to cover the platform" of the Chicago convention.

The case of Crump vs. The Commonwealth was argued before the Supreme Court of Appeals (Judges Lewis, Lucy, and Fauntleroy sitting) in January last. Yesterday Judge FAUNTLEROY delivered the opinion of the court, confirming the judgment of the Hastings Court in favor of the plaintiff. The case involved the rights of citizens to be protected by the law.

The case is one of first impression in the State, and the decision in full is as follows:

OPINION.

The case is a writ of error to a judgment of the Hastings Court of the city of Richmond, rendered on January 10, 1887.

The plaintiff in error, W. F. Crump, was, on the 20th day of September, 1886, indicted for a felony, and was tried and convicted by the court and the jury, and his conviction was affirmed by the court of appeals.

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